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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

What is claimed is:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10 (Original) A method for conducting hip replacement surgery, comprising:

providing an incision locator comprising a first wing and a second wing, the first wing adapted to be oriented generally along a femoral axis of a femur forming a hip on which surgery is being conducted;

positioning a proximal portion of the first wing adjacent to a tip of a greater trochanter;

positioning other portions of first wing generally parallel to the femoral axis;

indicating a proper placement of an incision based at least in part on the position of the second wing of the incision locator;

performing an incision using at least one incision guide in at least one of the first and second wings; and

completing the surgical procedure.